GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to put millions of hectares of wasteland in the country under afforestation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the target set and achievements made during the last three years in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) Department of Land Resources, Ministryof Rural Development is implementing three Area Development Programmes namely Integrated Wastelands DevelopmentProgramme (IWDP),DroughtProne Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP)for development of wastelands through Watershed Development Projects under the Guidelines for Watershed Development. Major activities under these Projects include afforestation alongwith in-situ soil & moisture conservation measures, checking of land degradation and surface run-off of water, rain water harvesting, recharge of ground water and pasture development. The targets and achievements made during the last three years is as under:

YEAR	IWDP	DPAP	DDP
(Rs. in Crores)			
1997-98			
Budget Estimate	74.50	115.00	70.00
Revised Estimate	50.00	100.75	70.00
Actual Expenditure	53.95	100.75	70.00
1998-99			
Budget Estimate	82.10	95.00	90.00
Revised Estimate	62.10	73.00	80.00
Actual Expenditure	62.00	73.00	79.80
1999-2000			
Budget Estimate	82.00	95.00	85.00
Revised Estimate	82.00	95.00	85.00
Actual Expenditure	83.07	94.99	85.00